



Resource Organizations

California State Agencies

California Department of Education, 721 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814, www.cde.ca.gov: State Superintendent Delaine Eastin initiated the "Garden in Every School" program in 1995. The following programs within the Department support school garden programs. Other programs within the Department, such as After School Learning, Healthy Start, and Safe Schools and Violence Prevention, may have grants whose goals could include a garden project. To find out more, visit the Department's website.

- **Agricultural Education Unit**, (916) 657-5357, www.calaged.org/cde/index.htm: Provides technical assistance to agricultural education programs through a system of regional consultants. Agriculture programs in high schools use classroom instruction, supervised occupational experience, and leadership development activities through FFA to deliver a challenging curriculum. The programs can include cross-age tutoring and community service such as garden development, beautification projects, and animal demonstrations. Teachers have access to materials and resources useful in school gardens. Call the number above for access to regional consultants and programs interested in working with school garden projects.
- **Environmental Education**, (916) 322-9503, www.cde.ca.gov/cilbranch/oee: The Office of Environmental Education (OEE) selects, supports, and develops sustainable educational projects and programs that utilize community partnerships to enable students and educators to garner the skills, knowledge, and desire to create an ecologically and economically healthy environment.
- **Nutrition Services Division**, (916) 445-0850, www.cde.ca.gov/nsd/nets: The child nutrition programs administered by the NSD contribute to the health and well being of California's children by supporting nutritious meals served in day care centers, family day care homes, summer feeding programs and schools. The NSD develops nutrition education initiatives, such as SHAPE California and Garden-enhanced Nutrition Education, that support lifelong health and academic success. Grants, workshops, and training are offered annually. NSD has coordinated the "Garden in Every School" program since its inception in 1995.
- **Healthy Kids Resource Center**, 313 West Winton Avenue, Room 180, Hayward, CA 94544, (510) 670-4581, www.hkresources.org: Funded by the California Department of Education, the Center loans health, nutrition, and agriculture/gardening resources and curriculum to schools free of charge. Audiotapes from the 1995 American Horticultural Society's Youth Garden Symposium, which contain a wealth of information about school gardening, are available. Use their website to search and borrow from the comprehensive catalog of teacher-reviewed materials or call to obtain a catalog.
- **California Regional School Garden Network**: Initiated by the "Garden in Every School" program, the network supports school garden projects in their regions through partnerships, resource development and workshops. Currently there are three regions

within the state participating in the network – Capital Region, Inland Empire Region, and San Diego County. In the future, the network will include other areas. For more information about a specific region, contact:

- Capital Region: UC Davis, Children’s Garden Program at (530) 752-7655;
- San Diego County: Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County at (760) 724-7316; or
- Inland Empire: California State University, Pomona, Department of Horticulture and Plant Science at (909) 869-2173.

California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB), 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 341-6000, www.ciwmb.ca.gov: The CIWMB believes that through education, current and future waste generators will respect and conserve natural resources by making informed waste prevention choices.

- **Public Education and Assistance Section**, www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Schools: To promote waste prevention, the Board is involved in several environmental education projects. They have funded the “Garden in Every School” mini-grants through the Department of Education since 1999. Call them for information on composting and vermicomposting or visit their website.
- **California Materials Exchange (CalMAX) Program**, www.ciwmb.ca.gov/CalMAX/: Administered by the CIWMB. “CalMAX Classifieds” is California’s re-use catalog. It provides a listing of usable materials from businesses throughout California that are available free or at a low cost. Wood, soil, containers, fabric, glass, paint, and paper are just a few of the kinds of materials available. Call CalMAX toll free at (877) 520-9703, e-mail at CalMAX@ciwmb.ca.gov, or visit their website.

California Department of Food and Agriculture, 1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 654-0462, www.cdafa.ca.gov: Promotes California agriculture and partners with other government agencies and the county fair industry to sponsor agricultural literacy and education programs.

- **Public Affairs Office**, www.cdafa.ca.gov/programs/public_affairs/outreach: Outreach messages focus on agricultural literacy, nutrition, and food safety. Information includes current news, educational resource materials, and links to hundreds of other agricultural websites nationwide. General fact sheets on California agriculture are available on request.

California Department of Health Services

- **Cancer Prevention and Nutrition Section**, P.O. Box 942732, MS-662, Sacramento, CA 94234, (916) 323-0594, www.dhs.ca.gov/cpns: The Cancer Prevention and Nutrition Section develops technical capacity in the California Department of Health Services, for implementing large-scale dietary improvement measures. Its activities include the development and implementation of the 5 a Day-for Better Health! Campaign. Visit their website for information and resources that encourage adults and children to eat more fruits and vegetables.

University of California, Cooperative Extension: Master Gardeners (Horticulture Advisor) and 4-H Youth Advisors provide assistance with planning and growing school gardens. Home economists are sources of reliable nutrition information. Programs exist in most California counties. In addition, some local Cooperative Extension offices have special programs for schools that relate to gardening, agriculture, and/or nutrition. Contact your



local office for more information. (Check the phone book for "Cooperative Extension" in the county listing.)

University of California, Sustainable Agricultural Research and Education Program (SAREP): www.sarep.ucdavis.edu. SAREP works with farmers, farmworkers, and consumers in California to produce, distribute, process, and consume food and fiber in a manner that is economically viable, sustains natural resources and biodiversity, and enhances the quality of life in the state's diverse communities for present and future generations.

Other Organizations

The American Horticultural Society (AHS), 7931 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria, VA 22308, (703) 768-5700, www.ahs.org: AHS is an educational, non-profit, organization that recognizes and promotes excellence in American horticulture. Its mission is to educate and inspire people of all ages to become successful and environmentally responsible gardeners by advancing the art and science of horticulture. AHS 's Annual National Youth Garden Symposium is designed for teachers, educators and program staff affiliated with park districts, public gardens, youth groups, public and private schools and community organizations. Symposium participants learn how to begin a children's garden and recognize ways that children's gardens can support educational curricula. In 2002 the symposium will be held in California.

California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, 2300 River Plaza Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833, (916) 561-5625, www.cfaitc.org: Sponsors projects for teachers and students to integrate basic agricultural information into existing curriculum areas. Focuses on teacher training, student programs, and resource materials. The *Teacher Resource Guide: A Guide to Educational Materials about Agriculture* includes information on lesson plans, California fairs, a book list, and recommended readings for K-8 history/social science classes, videos, and more. Sponsors teacher training, school "ambassador," and "Adopt-a-Farmer" programs. Seasonal newsletter is available free of charge.

The Life Lab Science Program, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064, (831) 459-2001, www.lifelab.org: Specializes in elementary-level science programs that use school gardens as a learning laboratory. Offers curriculum materials developed for the school garden, extensive teacher training, on-line gardening tips and general information.

The National Gardening Association, 1100 Dorset Street, South Burlington, VT 05401, (802) 863-1308, www.garden.org or <http://kidsgardening.com>: Publishes the newsletter, *Growing Ideas*, and has many other resources available to assist community gardeners and classroom teachers. Curriculum materials for Grades K-6 include using the *GrowLab* indoor gardening unit, an "in-class" garden under artificial lights. Provides small competitive grants of garden materials to school gardening programs. Subscribe to the free, email newsletter through their website.

Project Food, Land & People (FLP), PO Box 29474, Presidio National Park, San Francisco, CA 94129, (415) 561-4445, www.foodlandpeople.org Organized in 1988 to provide educators with classroom materials that focus on the complexity and interdependence of agricultural, environmental, economic and cultural issues. Includes nutrition lessons and connection to educational standards. Teacher training is available.

